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FROM : Embassy GUATEMALA

DATE: January 8, 1971

SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: Monthly Report of Incidents, December 1970

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SUMMARY: The government's stringent enforcement of siege measures continued without let up in December. The level of political violence, a good part of which was probably attributable to security forces, remained high. However, the dormancy of leftist extremists during the latter half of November ended. Fifty-one incidents were reported in the restricted media. This figure is somewhat above the year's monthly average; the actual statistic is probably much greater. The media reported two prominent kidnappings, two attacks on police, one bomb explosion, three fires and forty-four assassinations, including those of American citizen John Moore, radio station owner Humberto GONZALEZ Juarez, Congressman Arnoldo OTTEN Prado, and labor leader Jaime MONGE Donis.

1. The far Left stepped up its attacks in the capital this month although still handicapped by the curfew and other siege measures. Two incidents are attributed to the insurgents: the unsuccessful FAR bank holdup December 11 (A-262) and the December 18 FAR assassination of MLN Congressman Arnoldo OTTEN Prado.

2. Several other incidents bear the characteristics of leftist terrorist operations. They may have set off two of the three publicized fires this month in the capital: a minor movie theater blaze December 14 ignited by a flask of flammable fluid and the fire in the National Comptroller's offices on December 24 which partially destroyed pay records. A third fire which gutted the Zamari Building on December 10 (GUATEMALA 4610) the GOG publicly blamed subversives. The extreme left also may have participated in the month's two prominent kidnappings: industrialist Roberto GABRIEL Abularach was

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Chart of Incidents

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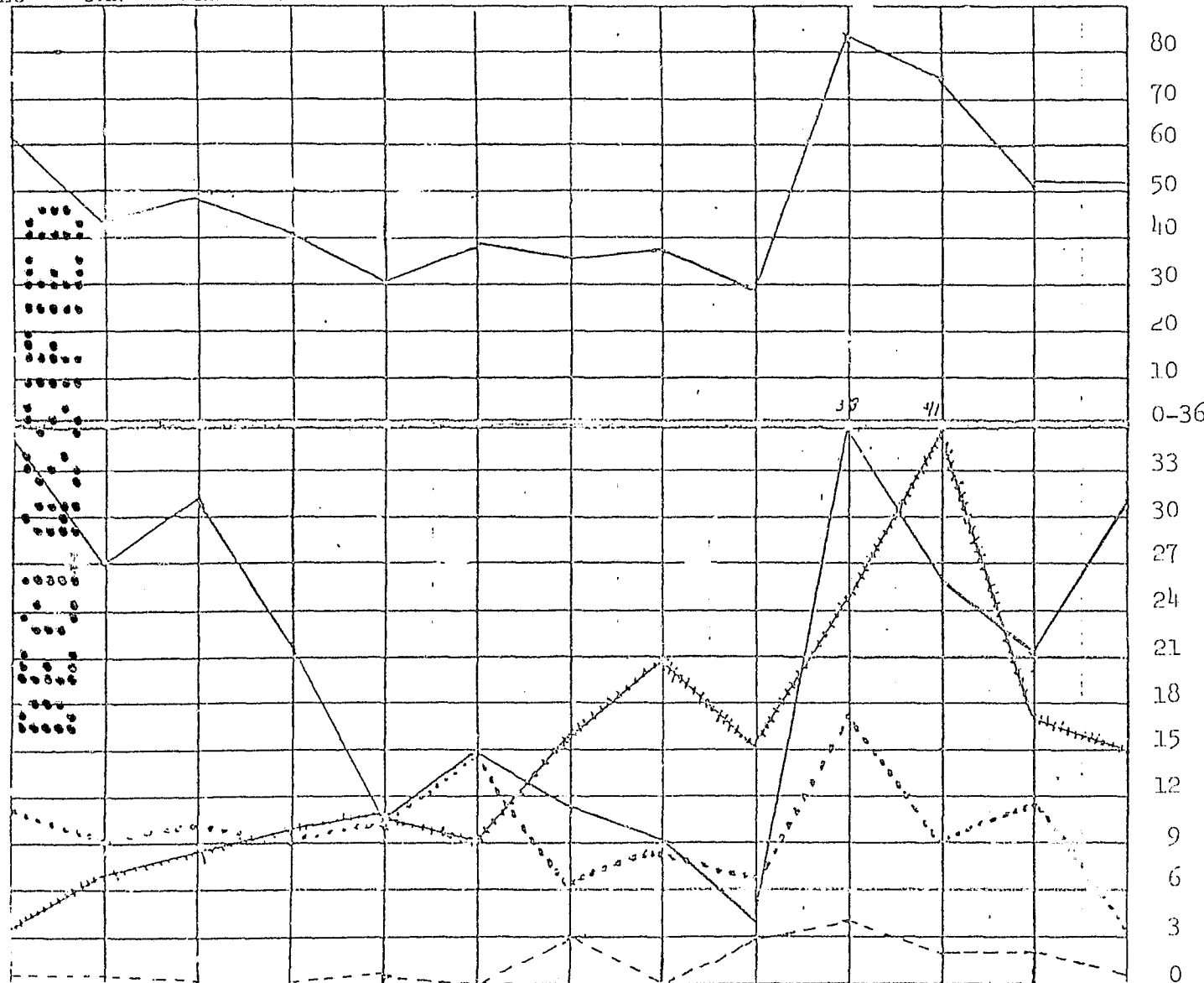
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MONTHLY FREQUENCY OF TERRORIST RELATED INCIDENTS BY REGION (1) - DECEMBER 1969 - DECEMBER 1970

DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUNE JULY AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC



Total - 51

Capital 31 (2)

South Coast 15 (3)

Eastern 3 (4)

Highlands 2 (5)

1. For purposes of this graph, acts of violence include shootings, bombings, and assassinated bodies.
2. Capital Area: Santiago, Guatemala
3. South Coast: San Marcos, Quezaltenango, Retalhuleu, Suchitepequez, Escuintla, Santa Rosa
4. Eastern Region: Jutiapa, El Progreso, Jalapa, Zacapa, Chiquimula, Izabal, El Peten
5. Highlands: Totonicapam, Chimaltenango, Huehuetenango, El Quiche, Baja Verapaz, Alta Verapaz, Solola,

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